Even the well-informed Washington Post, Nixon's special chief Watergate enemy, was taken in by the false pretense that Hunt worked for CREEP. In its lead editorial of September 23, 1973, the day before Hunt's Ervin Committee testimony it was still describing Hunt as a CREEP employee, which he never was. When Hunt finally identified himself as a White House employee on June 17, 1973, as he did intestifying ~~on September 25, 1973,~~ it went without mention. By that time it made little difference. The purposes of the lie had been accomplished. Paying no attention to the fact that this self-confessed criminal was on the White House staff at the time of his crimes, shows how successful the lie was.